

S 2563

Pharmacist Access and Recognition in Medicare (PHARM) Act of 2006

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 6, 2006

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5182	Related bill	May 15, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.
109 HR 5307	Related bill	May 15, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman .
109 S 2723	Related bill	May 4, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
109 S 2664	Related bill	Apr 27, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Pharmacist Access and Recognition in Medicare (PhARM) Act of 2006 - Amends part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment of clean claims to pharmacies by prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans. Defines prompt payment as within 14 days from submission for claims submitted electronically, and within 30 days for claims submitted otherwise. Requires payment of interest, also, if a payment is not issued, mailed, or otherwise transmitted within the applicable number of calendar days.

Prohibits a Medicare prescription drug card issued by a prescription drug plan sponsor from displaying the name, brand, or trademark (co-branding) of any pharmacy.

Revises requirements for a covered medication therapy management program, allowing it to be furnished by a health care provider, other than a pharmacist, with advanced training in medication management.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to specify: (1) the population of part D eligible individuals appropriate for services under a medication therapy management program, based on certain characteristics; and (2) a minimum defined package of medication therapy management services that shall be provided to each enrollee.

Revises requirements for pharmacy fees.

Directs the Secretary to establish: (1) a two-year demonstration program to examine the impact of medication therapy management furnished by a pharmacist in a community-based or ambulatory-based setting on quality of care, spending, and patient health; and (2) a Best Practices Commission to develop a best practices model for medication therapy management.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 6, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 6, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3220)
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